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1. SUMMARY: IN MINDS OF KEY INDONESIANS WHO HAVE PARTI-
CIPATED IN OR FOLLOWED CURRENT THIRD WORLD PUSH FOR NEW
ECONOMIC ORDER, ISSUE IS NOT ECONOMIC AS MUCH AS IT IS
POLITICAL. US IS IN TROUBLE, NOT SO MUCH OVER SUBSTANCE
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OF ISSUES, BUT BECAUSE IT "TALKS DOWN" TO THIRD WORLD,

ATTEMPTS TO PRESERVE STATUS QUO AND APPEARS TO BE TRYING
DIVIDE G-77 FROM OPEC AND SPLIT OPEC ITSELF. END SUMMARY

2. WHILE WE HAVE TALKED WITH MANY IN INDONESIA ABOUT
PROBLEM OF US RELATIONSHIP TO THIRD WORLD THRUST FOR
NEW ECONOMIC ORDER, TWO RECENT CONVERSATIONS ARE, PERHAPS,
OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE: ONE WITH KOKO SOEDJATMOKO,
FORMER AMBASSADOR TO US, MEMBER OF FORD FOUNDATION BOARD,
AND CURRENTLY ADVISER TO INDONESIAN PLANNING BOARD AND
OTHER WITH WIJARSO, DIRECTOR GENERAL OIL AND GAS WMO
PARTICIPATED IN ALGIERS OPEC MEETING.

3. BASIC THRUST SOEDJATMOKO'S REMARKS TO AMBASSADOR
WAS THAT THRUST FOR NEW ECONOMIC ORDER WAS INESCAPABLE
RESULT FRUSTRATIONS AND INEQUITIES OF NEWLY INDEPENDENT
WORLD. UNITED STATES, INSTEAD OF RESISTING THIS
SENTIMENT AND REFERRING TO "IMPRACTICAL AND UNREALISTIC"
PROPOSALS, SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE VALIDITY OF DEMAND FOR
CHANGE AND SEEK TO GUIDE IT INTO CONSTRUCTIVE LINES. IF
NOT, SOVIETS MAY WELL SEIZE INITIATIVE IN UN AND OTHER
FORUMS AND US WILL BE VIRTUALLY ISOLATED. WHEN ASKED
WHAT HE THOUGHT US SHOULD DO, HE SAID US MIGHT MAKE
FORMAL REPLY TO DAKAR DECLARATION, ACKNOWLEDGING NEED
FOR REVIEW AND SUGGESTING ALTERNATIVES. REFERRING
SPECIFICALLY TO SUMMARIES HE HAS READ OF RECENT ARTICLES
BY AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE MOYNIHAN, HE EXPRESSED DOUBT
VIGOROUS US ATTACK ON OPEC AND G-77 POSITIONS WOULD
HAVE SALUTARY EFFECT. HE SAID MOYNIHAN THESIS BASED
SOLELY ON TENDENCIES OF FORMER BRITISH COLONIES, IGNORING
MILITANCY OF FORMER FRENCH COLONIES WHO ARE NOW IN LEAD.
HE SAID CONSTANT US REFERENCE TO POORER NATIONS BEING
HURT OF OPEC IS COUNTER PRODUCTIVE. FACT THAT MOST
POORER NATIONS HAVE STOOD BY OPEC NATIONS IS INDICATION
OF SOLIDARITY OF GROUP. G-77 NATIONS FEEL THAT OPEC
NATIONS HAVE CLOUT TO BRING ABOUT ULTIMATE CHANGES IN
ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS WHICH WILL BENEFIT BOTH, AND
ATTACKS ON SOLIDARITY ARE SEEN AS EFFORT TO DIVIDE.
(MINISTER MINES SADLI TOLD AMBASSADOR ON ANOTHER OCCASION:
"OPEC IS LOCOMOTIVE LEADING GROUP OF 77 TO NEW ECONOMIC
ORDER.")

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4. WIJARSO STRESSED G-77 AND OPEC THRUST BASICALLY
POLITICAL. ALGERIA HAS TAKEN LEAD ON ISSUE POPULAR IN
EVERY DEVELOPING COUNTRY AND NO ONE CAN DESERT CAUSE.
OPEC AGREED TO SUPPORT GROUP OF 77 IN EXCHANGE FOR G-77
AGREEMENT NOT TO ATTACK OIL PRICES. HE ACKNOWLEDGED
THIS IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT MATTER FOR US TO HANDLE
SINCE TO ACCEPT VAGUELY WORDED "SOLEMN DECLARATION"

WOULD BE TO INVITE FURTHER ALGERIAN MOVES TO PIN DOWN SPECIFICS IN POLITICALLY SLANTED LANGUAGE. NEVERTHELESS, HE SAID AGREEMENT ON SOME SET OF PRINCIPLES WHICH CAN MEET POLITICAL REQUIREMENTS OF MOST MEMBERS COULD THEN

PERMIT EACH MEMBER OF GROUP TO GO BASICALLY ITS OWN WAY SHOULD BE US OBJECTIVE. THERE ARE SHARP DIFFERENCES AMONG THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES BUT THEY ARE SUBMERGED IN INTEREST POLITICAL SOLIDARITY. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT DELAY IN CONSUMER-PRODUCER CONFERENCE ON OIL FOR EXAMPLE, CAUSED BY POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES IS IN NO ONE'S INTEREST. HE RECOMMENDED AGAINST ANY SPECIFIC US INITIATIVE WHICH, BECAUSE IT CAME FROM US, WOULD IMMEDIATELY BE SEEN BY OTHERS AS "CONFRONTATION."

5. SECRETARY'S KANSAS CITY SPEECH HAS BEEN GENERALLY WELL RECEIVED AND SHOULD BE HELPFUL IN SETTING STAGE FOR UNGA SPECIAL SESSION. FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL, HOWEVER, COMMENTED TO AMBASSADOR, "SPEECH ONLY 80 PERCENT GOOD." WHEN AMBASSADOR ASKED WHY, HE REPLIED THAT ASSERTATIONS THAT THE PRESENT ECONOMIC ORDER "HAS SERVED THE WORLD WELL" ARE NOT ACCEPTED BY DEVELOPING WORLD. EVERY DELEGATE AT G-77 CONFERENCE FACES POLITICAL PRESSURES OF FRUSTRATED AND DISSATISFIED POPULATION, PARTICULARLY YOUTH, WHO DO NOT FEEL PRESENT ECONOMIC ORDER HAS SERVED THEM WELL. OTHER INDONESIANS HAVE POINTED OUT THAT SOME DC'S SUCH AS FRANCE ARE MORE SYMPATHETIC TO LDC VIEWS THAN US, WHICH TENDS TO TAKE HARDER LINE, EG, IN TOPICS SUCH AS SDR-LINK.

6. COMMENT: FOREGOING CONVERSATIONS REPORTED SINCE THEY UNDOUBTEDLY REPRESENT VIEWS WIDELY HELD IN INDONESIA AND, PERHAPS, IN OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE MAY ONCE MORE, CONFIDENTIAL

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AS IN CASE OF COLONIALISM ISSUES, BE IN NO-WIN SITUATION WHERE WE CANNOT PRESS FOR REALISM WITHOUT APPEARING TO BE IN OPPOSITION TO MOTHERHOOD. WHAT OUR INDONESIAN FRIENDS ARE SAYING, HOWEVER, IS THAT WE SHOULD BASE OUR EFFORTS LESS ON DIVIDING GROUP OR ATTACKING THEIR PREMISES, AND MORE ON EFFECTIVELY MEETING POLITICAL THRUST OF FRUSTRATED NATIONS. IF WE CAN FIND WAY TO DO THAT, THEN WE CAN MOVE TO SPECIFICS. NEWSOM

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